THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) \ (a) to (c) Central assistance is peing provided to all State Governments, including Gujarat under Land Reforms Schemes. During 1991-92, Central assistance of Rs- 40.000 lakhs under the Scheme of Financial Assistance to Assignees of Ceiling Surplus Land was provided to Gujarat. There is no proposal for providing special assistance to the Stat$_e$ Government.

National Technology Mission on Drinking Water

4829. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Tec-nology Mission on Drinking water was launched in 1986;

(b) if .so, what were the objectives *i* hereof;

(c) whether the objectives have been fulfilled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons tnerefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL) : (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The objectives of Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission were to cover all residual problem villages numvring 1,37,155 as on 1-4-1986; supply 10 litre; per capita per day of Safe Dr'nking Water in all pieas for human ocings addi in addi- 30 litre.-, per capita per day in desert area for cattle, evolve cost creatives the limit of plan relocation and to take measures for sustained supply of water.

(c) and (d) The actual achievement at the end of the year 1991-92 was coverage of 1,34,187 'No Source' problem villages against the target of 137155 problem villages. In addition 135 Desalination Plants, 5057 Iron Removal Plants, 169 Handpump attach. ed and 63 Fill and Draw type defluoridation plants have been set up so far. Under Eradication of Guinea-worm, the number of affected areas have Peen brougth down from 23070 •on 1-1-1988 to 582 as on 1-7-82 and affected villages from 7102 to 1906 as on 1-1-92 6628 step-wells have been converted into sanitary wells. Satellite imageries were prepared for 447 districts for scientific source find ing. 84 stationary and 17 mobile water testing laboratories have also been commissioned.

Rural Pipe Water Supply Scheme

4830. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER, be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 338 given in the Rajya Sabna on 30th July, 1992 and state;

(a) what is the number of Rural Pipe Water Supply Schemes pending with the Central Government from different parts of India; and

(b) by when they are likely to to be cleared and what is the financial out lay provided for the samt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TUB MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) As on date tnere are 82 rural pipe water supply schemes (including 5 schems for bilateral/ World Bank assistance) from 7 States under Technical secrutiny in the Department of Rural Development.

(b) Thtse scheme are likely to pe decided before end of Octobr, 1992. The estimated cost of these schemes involves the financial outlay of Rs, 166.03 crores.